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I wish to have my comments included among those who do not agree with the Microsoft settlement. I have done a great deal of reading on both sides of the issue and personally feel that We, the American People, will not be best served by the settlement as it stands.

I believe that a portion of our freedoms are at risk. I believe the settlement will allow Microsoft to continue its current practices without consequence. I believe We are exposing Our collective selves to a psuedo-governence by a corporate monopoly.

We all know that societal computer networking, internetworking for the purpose of exchanging and storing personal and financial data, is increasing rapidly. It is becoming the means by which our banking, education, entertainment and even health care will be recorded and tracked. Standardization of those records is mandatory, but allowing a single corporate entity, who holds its own pecuniary interests paramount, to set those standards is contrary to the American way or life.

Please do not let that happen. America is willing to wait to have the issue thoroughly evaluated and solutions properly developed. Let's do it right.

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